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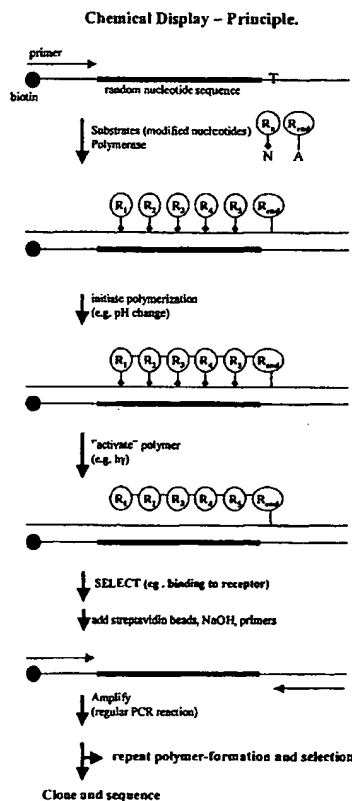
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for synthesising templated molecules. In one aspect of the invention, the templated molecules are linked to the template which templated the synthesis thereof. The invention allows the generation of libraries which can be screened for e.g. therapeutic activity.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-232, 236, (237-242, 244-253, 265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A method for synthesising a template molecule comprising a plurality of functional groups, said method comprising the steps of i) providing at least one template comprising a sequence of n coding elements, wherein each coding element comprises at least one recognition group capable of recognising a predetermined complementing element, and wherein n is an integer of more than 1, ii) providing a plurality of building blocks, wherein each building block comprises a) at least one complementing element comprising at least one recognition group capable of recognising a predetermined coding element, b) at least one functional entity comprising at least one functional group and at least one reactive group, and c) at least one linker separating the at least one functional entity from the at least one complementing element, iii) contacting each of said coding elements with a complementing element capable of recognising said coding element, iv) optionally, obtaining a complementing template, and v) obtaining a template molecule comprising covalently linked, functional groups by linking, by means of a reaction involving reactive groups, a functional group of at least one functional entity to a functional group of another, functional entity, wherein the templated molecule is capable of being linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, and wherein the synthesis of the templated molecule does not involve ribosome mediated translation of a nucleic acid;

2. Claims: 233, (237-242, 244-253, 265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule does not comprise or consist of an a-peptide or a nucleotide;

3. Claims: 234, (237-242, 244-253, 265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule does not comprise or consist of a monosubstituted a-peptide or a nucleotide;

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4. Claims: 235, (237-242, 244-253, 265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule does not comprise or consist of a peptide or a nucleotide;

5. Claim : 243

A complex comprising a template molecule and the template that template the synthesis of the template molecule;

6. Claims: 254, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template molecule does not comprise or consist of an alpha-peptide;

7. Claims: 255, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the templated molecule, wherein the template molecule does not comprise a monosubstituted a-peptide;

8. Claims: 256, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the templated molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template molecule does not comprise or consist of an a-peptide or a nucleotide;

9. Claims: 257, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a natural nucleotide, when the template molecule is an a-peptide;

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10. Claims: 258, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template does not consist exclusively of natural nucleotides, when the template molecule is a peptide comprising exclusively monosubstituted α -amino acids;

11. Claims: 259, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a natural nucleotide, when the template molecule is a natural α -peptide;

12. Claims: 260, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a nucleotide, when the template molecule is a natural α -peptide;

13. Claims: 261, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A templated molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a nucleotide, when the template molecule is a monosubstituted α -peptide;

14. Claims: 262, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a nucleotide, when the template molecule is an α -peptide;

15. Claims: 263, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

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A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a natural nucleotide, when the template molecule is a peptide;

16. Claims: 264, (265-289, 292, 296-306)-partially

A template molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups, wherein the template molecule is linked by means of a linker to the complementing template or template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, wherein the template is not a nucleotide, when the template molecule is a peptide;

17. Claims: 290, (292, 296-306)-partially

A molecule comprising a sequence of covalently linked building blocks, wherein the sequence of covalently linked building blocks comprises a sequence of complementing elements forming a complementing template capable of complementing the template that template the synthesis of the template molecule, and wherein the template molecule is linked to the complementing template or template that template its synthesis;

18. Claims: 291, (292)-partially

A templated molecule according to any of the previous claims, wherein the templated molecule comprises a sequence of functional entities comprising at least one functional group, and optionally at least one reactive group type 11, and wherein each functional entity is linked to a complementing element or a template that template the synthesis of the templated molecule;

19. Claim : 293

A method for screening template molecules potentially having a predetermined activity, said method comprising the step of providing a target molecule or a target entity, including a surface, and obtaining template molecules having an affinity for-or an effect on-said target molecule or target entity;

20. Claim : 294

A method for assaying an activity potentially associated with a template molecules, said method comprising the step of providing a target molecule or a target entity, including

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a surface, and obtaining template molecules having an affinity for-or an effect on-said target molecule or target entity, and determining the activity of the templated molecule;

21. Claim : 295

A method for selecting complexes or template molecules having a predetermined activity, said method comprising the step of performing a selection procedure and selecting templated molecules based on predetermined selection criteria;

22. Claim : 307

A method for amplifying the complementing template or the template that template the synthesis of the templated molecule having, or potentially having a predetermined activity, said method comprising the step of contacting the template with amplification means, and amplifying the template;

23. Claim : 308

A method for amplifying the complementing template or the template that template the synthesis of the templated molecule having, or potentially having, a predetermined activity, said method comprising the steps of i) contacting the template with amplification means, and amplifying the template, and ii) obtaining the templated molecule in an at least two-fold increased amount;

24. Claim : 309

A method for altering the sequence of a templated molecule, including generating a template molecule comprising a novel or altered sequence of functional groups, wherein said method preferably comprises the steps of i) providing a first complementing template or a first template capable of templating the first templated molecule, or a plurality of such first complementing templates or first templates capable of templating a plurality of first template molecules, ii) mutating or modifying the sequence of the first complementing template or the first template, or the plurality of first complementing templates or first templates, and generating a second template or a second complementing template, or a plurality of second templates or second complementing templates, wherein said second template (s) or complementing template (s) is capable of templating the synthesis of a second template molecule, or a

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plurality of second template molecules, wherein said second template molecule (s) comprises a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups that is not identical to the sequence of functional groups of the first template molecule(s), and optionally iii) templating by means of said second template(s) or complementing template (s) a second template molecule, or a plurality of such second templated molecules;

25. Claims: 310-313

A method for altering the sequence of a template molecule, including generating a template molecule comprising a novel or altered sequence of functional groups, wherein said method preferably comprises the steps of i) providing a plurality of first complementing templates or first templates capable of templating a plurality of first template molecules, ii) recombining the sequences of the plurality of first complementing templates or first templates, and generating a second template or a second complementing template, or a plurality of second templates or second complementing templates, wherein said second template(s) or complementing template(s) is capable of templating the synthesis of a second template molecule, or a plurality of second templated molecules, wherein said second template molecule(s) comprises a sequence of covalently linked, functional groups that is not identical to the sequence of functional groups of the first template molecule(s), and optionally iii) templating by means of said second template (s) or complementing template (s) a second template molecule, or a plurality of such second templated molecules;

26. Claims: 314-316

A building block comprising i) a complementing element capable of specifically recognising a coding element having a recognition group, said complementing element being selected from nucleotides, amino acids, antibodies, antigens, proteins, peptides, and molecules with nucleotide recognizing ability, ii) at least one functional entity selected from a precursor of α -peptides, p -peptides, y -peptides, w -peptides, mono-, di- and tri-substituted α -peptides, p -peptides, y -peptides, o -peptides, peptides wherein the amino acid residues are in the L-form or in the D-form, vinyllogous polypeptides, glycopoly-peptides, polyamides, vinyllogous sulfonamide peptide, polysulfonamide, conjugated peptides comprising e. g. prosthetic groups, polyesters, polysaccharides, polycarbamates, polycarbonates, polyureas, polypeptidylphosphonates, polyurethanes, azatides, oligo N-substituted glycines, polyethers, ethoxyformacetal oligomers, poly-thioethers, polyethylene glycols (PEG), polyethylenes, polydisulfides, polyarylene

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sulfides, polynucleotides, PNAs, LNAs, morpholinos, oligo pyrrolinone, polyoximes, polyimines, polyethyleneimines, polyimides, polyacetals, polyacetates, polystyrenes, polyvinyl, lipids, phospholipids, glycolipids, polycyclic compounds comprising e. g. aliphatic or aromatic cycles, including polyheterocyclic compounds, proteoglycans, and polysiloxanes, and iii) a linker separating the functional entity from the complementing element;

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